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Using the Chemical Reference List For Information and Access To Input Forms

This is the second in a series of articles on the new features available in Write-On for Windows 95. In the first article we covered the new group method editing capability. In this issue we describe the Chemical Reference List. This list can be viewed from Write-On for Windows 95 by clicking "Reference" in top menu bar and then selecting "Chemicals" from the pull down menu.

The chemical list is a scrolling menu which provides you with a convenient reference to chemicals on the forms. It contains all of the chemicals that currently reside in the state drinking water quality database, that is, all chemicals for which the Department has received drinking water analyses in the past. All of these chemicals reside in one or more of the Department's electronic reporting forms provided by Write-On. The chemical list window consists of three parts, the input field, the command buttons, and list of chemicals.

The list of chemicals provides information about each chemical, its name, U.S. EPA STORET code (or the state assignment), MCL (if any), the regulatory DLR (if any), reporting units, and the primary form on which it appears. In the case of the latter, a chemical might appear on more than one form. For example, some pesticides can appear on the Organic Chemicals form, the Agricultural Chemicals form, and the BNA Chemicals form. In designating the form on this list, the Organic Chemicals form holds precedence over others followed by the Agricultural Chemicals form.

Sorting the chemical list

When the chemicals list is first called up, the chemical names will appear as the first item on each row, and the list

will be sorted by name (note that chemical names preceded by numbers appear first) . The top command buttons provide options to also sort the list by the STORET number and the forms in which the chemicals appear. The item being sorted will always appear as the first entry in each row.

Finding chemicals on the list

Chemicals can be found on the list in several ways. If the list is sorted by name, scroll down the list until the name is found. Alternatively, you can begin to key the name of the chemical in the input field. If the chemical is found, the list will automatically move to the chemical and highlight it. If you are interested in finding a chemical by STORET number, click the Sort STORET button and scroll down to the STORET number of interest. The STORET number can also be found by

Chemical	Storet No.	MCL	DLR	Units	Form
1, 1, 1, 2-TETRACHLOROETHANE	77562	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 1, 2-TRICHLOROETHANE	34506	200.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 1, 2, 2-TRICHLOROETHANE	34516	1.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 1, 2-TRICHLORO-1, 2, 2-TRIFLUOROETH	81611	1200.000	10.000 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 1, 2-TRICHLOROETHANE	34511	5.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 1-DICHLOROETHANE	34496	5.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1-DICHLOROETHYLENE	34501	6.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1-DICHLOROPROPANE	A-007	.000	.000 UG/L	organic	
1, 1-DICHLOROPROPENE	77168	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 2, 3-TRICHLOROBENZENE	77613	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 2, 3-TRICHLOROPROPANE	77443	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 2, 3-TRICHLOROPROPANE	81610	.000	.500	agricul	
1, 1, 2, 3-TRIMETHYLBENZENE	77221	.000	.000 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 2, 4-TRICHLOROBENZENE	34551	70.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 2, 4-TRIMETHYLBENZENE	77222	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 2-DICHLOROBENZENE	34536	600.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 2-DICHLOROETHANE	34531	.500	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 2-DICHLOROPROPANE	34541	5.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 3, 5-TRICHLOROBENZENE	77614	.000	.000 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 3, 5-TRIMETHYLBENZENE	77226	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 3-DICHLOROBENZENE	34566	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 3-DICHLOROPROPANE	77173	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 3-DICHLOROPROPANE (TOTAL)	34561	.500	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 4-DICHLOROBENZENE	34571	5.000	.500 UG/L	organic	
1, 1, 4-DICHLOROBUTANE	77285	.000	.000 UG/L	bna	
1-NAPHTHOL	77441	.000	.000 UG/L	bna	
1-PHENYLPROPANE (N-PROPYLBENZENE)	77224	.000	.500 UG/L	organic	

keying it into the input field. All of the chemicals in a given form type can also be found by clicking the Sort form button. The chemicals will be listed in alphabetical order according to form type.

Using the chemical list to select an input form

Using the chemical list, an input form can be quickly selected on the basis of a chemical. This might be useful when you must enter the analytical results for a chemical, but are not sure what type of input form to use. To call up the form, find the chemical of interest on the list as described above and highlight it. Either double click the

Getting Primary Station Code Updates Fast Email Updates Sent Monthly

In response to those who want library update changes on in a timely manner, a new method of sending the primary station code library changes has begun. The information will be sent to you several times each month automatically **if you have an internet email address**. As you are aware the code numbers are changing daily, and it is now possible to send you the changes directly through the internet as soon as it becomes available. This will be faster than posting the information on our internet web page. To receive the primary station code updates electronically, send a email request to Anthony Meeks at:

edt@dwemb.dhs.cahwnet.gov
You will receive an acknowledgement to your request and be placed on the notification list.

If you need additional information email your question to the same address, or call Anthony Meeks at (916) 445-9083. ■

Incorrect Primary Station Code? Correcting Data That Was Submitted

If your client decides one of their sources has an incorrect Primary Station Code (PSCode), known as a Station Number, they need to notify the Drinking Water Program's field engineer responsible for their system. If the engineer is in agreement, he/she will then make the correction in the field office database. The correction is automatically forwarded to Dawn Lieginger of the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit in our headquarters office, who will in turn make the final correction in the master file. These corrections will be available for download from our web page after the following update (providing all steps were done in a timely manner!)

The same procedure would be followed for corrections/changes of the status of the source. They are indicated by the narrative following the

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Drinking Water Web Page

Lots Of Information For Everyone

The Drinking Water Program has valuable drinking water information available on the internet for you. Informational subjects include:

Water Treatment Certification - Water Treatment Operator Certification is responsible for ensuring that individuals certified as drinking water treatment operators meet the educational competence required by law.

Water Treatment Device ensures that devices sold for water purification meet the standards set by government and fulfill their claims of effectiveness.

Standards and Technology - Maintains expertise on state-of-the art technology in order to develop monitoring and water quality regulations and conduct special studies on contami-

Awash In Water

System Updates

4,391 From Several Counties

The Monitoring and Evaluation Unit has received 4,391 water system updates and new entries from several county health departments for entry into the WQM database. These systems are still under the jurisdiction of the individual counties, but will be tracked in WQM in the future. In addition, each of these systems has at least one source, for a total of 4,819 sources to be added or updated. These system/sources will be available to Write-On users through the internet when the entries have been made. Adding all of these new data will take some time, so please be patient! Each county will have it's own USERID: the county number followed by the letter "C" (##C). Once the update/additions are made, data can be submitted to us, either by EDT or hard copy for entry into the database. ■

nants in drinking water.

Reclaimed Water - develop water reclamation criteria and regulations, evaluate water reclamation projects, and make recommendations to the Regional Water Quality Control Boards regarding the public health implications of the projects.

Data Management - Data gathering and reporting of water quality data from large and small drinking water systems in the State.

Policy Development - manage and coordinate all activities related to the U.S. EPA grant.

Field Operations - inspection and regulatory oversight of approximately 8,500 public water systems. Activities involve issuing permits, performing inspections of facilities, reviewing plans for new facilities, and issuing administrative orders and citations for violations of noncompliance with laws and regulations. ■

Email Address For

Sending Results

Data

A Faster and More Efficient Way To Send Results

The Drinking Water Program has a email address for you to send drinking water test results. It is:

edt@dwemb.dhs.cahwnet.gov

This is in addition to the regular method of mailing.

When you email your results, create a message, identifying who sent the file, with a telephone number, and attach the results as a file. Large files should be zipped. This process will enable us to send you an acknowledgment of receiving the files. ■

Using the

Chemical

Reference List

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chemical or press ENTER. The form will appear on screen and the chemical of interest will be highlighted on the form to aid in finding it.

Other reference lists

In addition to the Chemicals Reference List, lists are also available on the Reference Menu for laboratories and water sources. Input forms which have specific laboratory or source information can be quickly called up using these lists. ■

Receiving This

Newsletter

Electronically

We at the Drinking Water Program are experimenting with delivery of this newsletter electronically. This would mean a faster and more economical delivery of information. To receive this publication, please email your request to Anthony Meeks at:

edt@dwemb.dhs.cahwnet.gov

You will receive an acknowledgment to your request and be placed on the newsletter list.

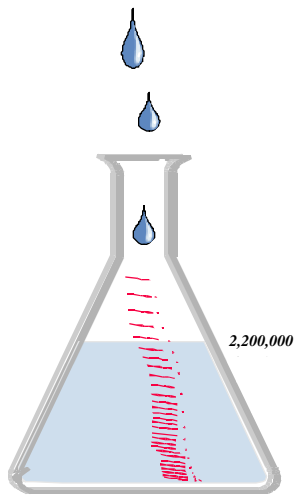
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name or number of the site. The narrative will be "Destroyed", "Treated", "Abandoned", "Standby", "Inactive", "Monitoring", or "Agricultural". If the source is Active Untreated or Active Raw, there will be no narrative. If the narrative is incorrect, let our field engineers know. ■



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The Drinking Water Program has an Internet home page and can be accessed at: <http://www.dhs.cahwnet.gov/ps/ddwem/index.htm>.

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